



***Substitute Senate Bill No. 637***

***Public Act No. 06-55***

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all applications and grant charters [ , provided for the period from July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1999, no more than twenty-four charters for charter schools are granted and, on and after July 1, 1999, no] in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. (1) Except as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no state charter school [enrolls (1)] shall enroll (A) (i) more than two hundred fifty students, or [(B)] (ii) in the case of a kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than three hundred students, or [(2)] (B) twenty-five per cent of the enrollment of the school district in which the state charter school is to be located, whichever is less. (2) In the case of a state charter school found by the State Board of Education to have a demonstrated record of achievement, such school may, upon application to and approval by said board, enroll up to eighty-five students per grade, if within available appropriations. The State Board of Education shall give preference to applicants for charter schools that will serve students

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who reside in a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended, or in a district in which seventy-five per cent or more of the enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic minorities and to applicants for state charter schools that will be located at a work-site or that are institutions of higher education. In determining whether to grant a charter, the State Board of Education shall consider the effect of the proposed charter school on the reduction of racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the region in which it is to be located, the regional distribution of charter schools in the state and the potential of over concentration of charter schools within a school district or in contiguous school districts.

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